



Hamsplatter



Well, is everyone enjoying SUMMER in one way or another? Despite some really hot days, we have had an abundance of nice ones. The locust sounds are already in the air, and as I was once told, they are the harbinger of FALL, so enjoy while you can.

Once again, I would like to thank Walt Wood (N9AVR), Randy, and the rest of the staff at D&L Communications for the hospitality during the FWRC tour of their facilities last month.

Whether apparent or not, the Fort Wayne Radio Club never sleeps. There are always projects and challenges constantly being handled by one or more of our members at any given time. This month is no exception, as we are currently negotiating the transfer of the Murphy Repeater assets to the FWRC. It has become somewhat more complicated than originally planned, but hopefully common sense will prevail. And also, Cliff (N9MKB) is going like a race horse in the home stretch, coordinating the various details leading up to our HAMFEST next month. Many volunteers are needed to help with this event, and Cliff would certainly appreciate your call to sign up. Plans are underway to distribute hamfest flyers to selected businesses on Saturday morning August 19. Everyone who can, please reserve 3-4 hours to help. If 12 or more members show up, breakfast will be FREE, 7:30 AM, Azar's Northcrest.

Monday, August 14th is FOXHUNT night, so load up your

equipment and gather at the fairgrounds by 6:30 PM to plan our strategy. This will be a fun hunt, and will involve teamwork by all to find the fox. If you ever wanted to participate, but felt lacking in equipment or expertise, this will be an excellent opportunity to join in the fun and learn how foxhunting is done. The hunt begins at 7:00 PM, no points this time.

The August 18th meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club will begin at 7:30 PM at the Salem Church clubhouse. Our program for the evening will be a presentation by Dave Beltz (KF9DE) on Radio Controlled Aircraft. Don't miss it!! See you there. 73's

Carl (N9NRO)

June 1995 Minutes



The following are the recorded minutes of the Fort Wayne Radio Club:

The July meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Salem Church of Christ on 21 July, 1995 and started about 19:30 hours. There were about 35 people in attendance and the meeting was brought to order by President Carl Rittenhouse.

The minutes were read and a motion was made for their approval. Before approval a request for an addition to the minutes was entertained. The addition relates to a comment by Bill Kindred, WA9RAP, in that while he is a member of the QSL card project

committee, he was not it's chairman. (The minutes might have given that impression and Bill wanted to get that point clarified). The committee's chairman is in fact Harry Harvey, N9AR. After this clarification was added to the minutes, they were approved.

Treasurer Scott Sides, N9PXG gave the club financial report. Expenses were as follows: FWRC HAMFEST advertising budget allocation, \$1500.00; publication/mailling expenses for the July Hamsplatter, \$62.76; repeater site electric bill (one month), \$22.59; W5YI Report subscription (one year), \$24.50.

Carl announced that club rosters were again available for anyone who desires one. They can be picked up at the meeting, alternately they can be obtained by contacting either Carl or Cliff Shreve.

Cliff Shreve gave a report on the Field Day activities just passed. The club's point score exceeded last years mark by 300 points. This despite the fact that Noah dropped by Saturday with a really exciting rendition of the Great Flood, complete with a truly impressive display of industrial grade thunder and lightning. It had everyone under the pavilion for a while wondering about their insurance coverage. Later in the day, Murphy dropped by for a visit with the result that an oil fitting on the generator failed due to vibration subsequently causing the oil line to fall off the bottom of the engine. Fortunately, chief electrician Bill Hall noted the problem and prevented any damage to the engine from occurring. In true Field Day fashion a repair mob formed around the generator and before you knew it, emissaries were

July Minutes (continued)

dispatched to pick up repair parts with the result that the generator was back on line about one hour after it failed. On top of this excitement, Mayor Helmke sent an official proclamation to the site which indicated that Saturday 24 June was officially proclaimed in honor of the "Fort Wayne Radio Club Field Day". Bill Hall took photographs to commemorate the occasion. Of course, the Field Day Saturday evening dinner was again an outstanding success. Jean Anderson, N9PXF and Kathy Raptis WD9DGA, (and other ladies) organized an excellent Hog Roast; over 100 people partook of a really great meal. This was followed by Bingo and later featured marshmallow roasting around the bonfire. Overall a successful Field Day.

Cliff also gave a report on the Hamfest. Plans are coming together and a significant number of vendors have already been signed-up. Cliff needs Hamfest helpers for a number of different jobs necessary to make the Hamfest a success. These include help at the front gate, building coordinators, talk-in volunteers, food concession helpers, and so forth. All helpers will participate in a special door prize offering that will be awarded by the luck of the draw, same as last year. Help make the Hamfest a success, call Cliff at 483-7570 and volunteer for one of the many jobs that make the Hamfest go! The Hamfest can't work if you don't help.

Bill Kindred announced that he is planning to commence Code and Theory classes at the ITT Technical School facility (Coldwater Rd.) starting 18 September. The classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays and will run for six weeks. Bill is asking for help with publicity regarding the classes. Please contact Bill if you can take on the task, or help with the task of spreading the word about this important club activity.

Carl announced that the Murphy Repeater Association has offered to turn over all of the facilities of the Murphy system to the Ft. Wayne Radio Club if the FWRC would agree to assume responsibility for the system. The Murphy system is sited at Parkview Hospital and operates on the 146.94/34 (Indiana) coordinated frequency

pair. Since Murphy is offering its assets to the FWRC gratis, and because the frequency pair and repeater site are worthwhile assets, the FWRC Board of Directors voted to accept the Murphy Repeater offer and proceed with due diligence to consummate the offer. The proposal for the FWRC to assume ownership and responsibility for the Murphy system was forwarded as a motion, seconded, and voted in the affirmative by the membership present at the meeting.

The July program consisted of a tour of the office and repeater sites of D&L Communications. The tour was arranged by Walt Wood (N9AVR). We started with a guided tour and explanation of the goings-on at D&L's corporate facilities in Centennial Park, followed by an in depth tour of the repeater site located adjacent to the channel 55 facilities near Coliseum and I69. Anyone who missed this outing should kick themselves as both the D&L facilities and the D&L staff are a first class operation.

Carl announced that the August program will feature a presentation by Dave Beltz on the hobby of radio controlled (RC) airplanes. This pastime combines airplanes and radio and is of significant interest to many radio amateurs.

Respectively submitted, Al Burke, WB9SSE

New Hampshire Antenna Bill Signed

- Badger State Smoke Signals

New Hampshire Governor Stephen Merrill has signed into law a bill protecting amateur's rights to antennas. The bill, HB 379, earlier passed both the state's House and Senate unanimously and was signed by the governor on June 5. It was originally written to include slightly stronger language regarding antennas than that contained in PRB-1; the language was then fine-tuned at the suggestion of members of the legislature who are "friendly to Amateur interests," according to ARRL New Hampshire Section Manager Al Shuman, N1FIK.

The bill was filed on the coattails of New Hampshire's HB 1380, passed in 1994, which provides protection from taxing Amateur Radio towers as real property. HB 379 reads:

"No city, town, or county in which there are located unincorporated towns or unorganized places shall adopt or amend a zoning ordinance or regulation with respect to antennas used exclusively in the amateur radio services that fail to conform to the limited federal preemption entitled Amateur Radio Preemption, 101 FCC 2nd 952 (1985) issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

ARRL President Resigns

On July 1, 1995, ARRL President George Wilson, W4OYI, submitted his resignation. Mr. Wilson, who suffered a stroke on February 11, is in a rehabilitation hospital in Evansville, Indiana. In accordance with the by-laws, First Vice President Rodney J. Stafford, KB6ZV, became president for the remainder of the term. Upon completion of rehabilitation, Mr. Wilson will return to his home in Owensboro, Kentucky.

OTC by W9TC

This past week we have seen many articles in the newspapers and features on TV about the big bombs. The News Sentinel on Saturday, 5 Aug 1995, contained an article under the subject, "HE FOUND A WAY TO MAP OUT VICTORY". This person about whom this was written was a former Ft. Wayne Ham. His call was 9BHR which would later become W9BHR.

I had planned on repeating part of a story about Sheldon Hine which I had written a number of years ago. The complete story can be found at the Allen County Public Library in his book, which is a story of his life. Sheldon Hine was born in Waterloo, In. His cousin is W9QWI, Howard of Waterloo. Some of you may know Sheldon if you have the hobby of photography. Perhaps you may have used his Hinelight at either Farnsworth or Magnavox. It is used in photographing the inside of deep holes. The Government uses it for photographing the inside of gun barrels.

OTC by W9TC (continued)

Upon enlisting in the Navy, he presented his idea of construction of 3-D matrices for use in bombing and shelling. Due to his contributions he was able to advance to the grade of Lt. Cmd. I recall several stories about Sheldon that does not appear in the NS article. One being about his early radio operation and the neighbors asking about the blue lights when he was in operation. I had the same experience when using mercury vapor rectifiers and operating CW.

In 1945 aboard the vessel "Mount Olympus," Sheldon, because of his radio experience, was informed about a Radar problem. He was able to determine the cause: Sailors on watch in the crows Nest were heating their sandwiches after removing the wave guide test panel and placing them inside the wave guide (one of the first "microwave ovens"! - ed).

INDIANA NET "QIN"

3656 Kcs - Monday thru Friday

Active Stations

As of _____ 1947

W9BCJ	South Bend	
W9DGA	Evansville	
W9EDU	Selma	
W9ENB	Ft. Wayne	
W9FMJ	Ft. Wayne	
W9GFS	Evansville	
W9LBE	Indianapolis	
W9NH	Indianapolis	
W9OK	Jasper	
W9PMT	Ft. Wayne	
W9SNQ	Portland	
W9SWH	Ft. Wayne	SCM
W9TBM	Ft. Wayne	
W9TT	Indianapolis	
W9UKT	West Lafayette	
W9VMQ	Marion	
W9YDA	Bloomington	
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W9RCB	North Liberty	RM - NCS
W9FSG	Indianapolis	ALT - NCS
W9HUV	Lafayette	ALT - NCS

Indiana Phone Net - 3905 Kcs.
Sun. - Tues. - Thurs. W9BKJ - NCS

I have enclosed the 1947 listing of stations active on the IN "QIN" CW net. You will notice W9SWH is listed as SCM. I question why Ft. Wayne has only supplied a total of two SCM's or SM's - those two were W9BKJ and W9SWH?

73, W9TC

RADIO-PEP

Bill Kindred WA9RAP

The following are excerpts from the April 15, 1922 edition of "Radio-PEP", a bi-monthly publication of the Fort Wayne Radio Association. Each issue sold for 5¢. They show the promise and potential of radio as it appeared to amateur operators over 73 years ago -ed.

"Grocery Store Music"

RURODE'S DRY GOODS STORE INSTALLS RADIO

Fort Wayne is at last awakening. Rurode's dry goods store has decided to install a radio receiving set. This outfit is to be of the very latest type. Two steps of amplification will be used in conjunction with a loud talker. Mr. Rurode intends to give concerts every afternoon and evening, and this will no doubt be a great help to his business. We hope that other business houses will soon follow.

RADIO FOR IRENE BYRON

In the first issue of this paper we showed what a wonderful help to the sick wireless would be, and little did we think that it would soon be a reality. But now it is at hand. A fund has been started which is coming along very nicely. By fall the outfit should be installed and in good working order, and next winter, instead of lying on their cots trying to pass the time away by worry and sorrow, they will let the days flit by, as each and every day something new will be at hand, and the sick in their beds will listen to the world at work and play.

"Commercial Broadcasts"

TO RENT OUT-STATIONS FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES

The American Telephone and Telegraph company is at present erecting a broadcasting station in New York. This station is to be the most powerful of its kind in the country. This station will in a very short time pay for itself, for it is going to be used for advertising purposes. A

great many people do not know the great value of good advertising, but it can readily be seen by anyone what value this will be to their business. Within a few weeks the advertising manager of a large department store in New York will only have to speak into an ordinary desk phone in his office and cry his wares to the world. This is a very novel idea, and will also promote more broadcasting stations. These stations are arranged so that any sore can use them by merely paying the fee. In this way broadcasting will soon pay for itself.

"Radio Evangelism"

Friday, Good Friday, Detroit News radio station is going to broadcast the Lord's prayer. This will take place at 1 o'clock, eastern time, which will be noon here. This is something altogether new and novel, and no doubt will be the first time the Lord's Prayer has ever been broadcasted to the world.

"The origin of Amateur Radio?"



WILL TRAIN AMATEURS BY MAIL AND RADIO

The war department through the signal corps is now making arrangements for the training of radio operators. These amateurs to be trained will be enlisted as a reserve signal corps to be called to active duty only in case of national peril. If this project works out as it is planned, all of the enlisted men will be given two weeks of training this summer at some army camp. The age limit is eighteen years, and enlistments are for three years, except for ex-service men who have previously served a year or more in the army or navy.

The headquarters of the fifth corps area, in which we are, is located at Fort Benjamin Harrison. A large continuous wave set has been installed there, and is at present handling all of the communications between Indianapolis and the war department at Washington, and will in the near future handle all transcontinental relays for the war department. It is intended to use this station as a medium for training the amateurs by radio. Full particulars will be published from time to time, as they are received by this paper.



1995 - Communications Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 Swap net 19:00 Sloppy Code 21:00 < LZ DX Contest < All-Asian DX Phone > Radio Club Panama <	4	5 Hunt. ARES 20:00 TNT 20:00	6 Whitley ARES 19:15 21 Repeater Group 21:00	7  FWRC Board 19:30	8	9 Hunt. ARES 20:00 ARRL VHF QSO Party > Summit City Hamfest (Fort Wayne IN)
10 Swap Net 19:00 Sloppy Code 21:00 < Hiram P. Maxim Mem N. American Sprint CW Findlay OH Hamfest Full Moon ○	11 < ARRL VHF QSO Party	12 Hunt. ARES 20:00 TNT 20:00	13 Whitley ARES 19:15 21 Repeater Group 21:00 YLRL Howdy Days >	14 15  < YLRL FWRC Regular Meeting 19:30	16 Hunt. ARES 20:00 ARRL 10 GHz > Scandinavian Day CW >	
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[Key: > Event begins < Event ends]

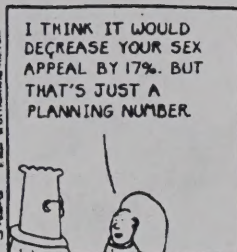
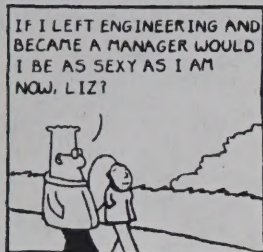
(Times listed are in Eastern Standard Time GMT-5 hours)

Check QST and CQ for Contest Times and Rules

NET FREQS: TNT 146.76 | Murphy Swap 146.94 | Sloppy Code 7.1405 | Huntington ARES 146.685 | Whitley ARES 444.550 w/ 146.46 simplex link (WCARC net Sunday 19:45 on same frequency)

21 Repeater Group 147.150 | **Daily Nets:** Ft Wayne 6m 50.58 (simplex) 19:00 | IMO Traffic 146.88 18:30 | Auburn 147.360 18:00 | Fox trot FM 29.100 19:00 | Mobile Ten SSB/CW 28.400 Saturday 19:00

DILBERT □ Scott Adams



Do you have an interesting article, news item, or cartoon which you can contribute to the Hamsplatter? Do you have some spare equipment collecting dust that you want to sell? If so, please contact me, Kris, KF9AW. My day phone is 487-3286, evenings 486-7324. Packet messages can be directed to me on 144.97, W9INX.

1994 MEMBERSHIP DATA: (Give this form to the treasurer at any FWRC meeting or mail to address below)

NAME _____ CALL _____ CLASS: N T G A E

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME TELEPHONE # () _____ WORK TELEPHONE # () _____

SHALL WE LIST YOUR ADDRESS/PHONE # IN MEMBER ROSTER? Y N APRIL MEMBER? Y N

MEMBERSHIP TERM: (JAN-DEC) (JULY-DEC, July 1-Dec 31 ONLY)
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$21.00/yr \$10.50/yr immediate family(list all calls)
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr licensed member
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$ 6.00/yr \$3.00/yr full-time student
ASSOCIATE MEMBER: _____ \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr unlicensed member
YOUR CHECK NUMBER # _____ PLEASE PAY BY CHECK, IT'S EASIER FOR BOTH OF US!

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK (Request one from President at any Regular Club Meeting)
Provided at no cost to club members, this handbook provides a full set of information about present and past Club activities, events, and functions. The handbook is available in a clear cover binder, and is upgradeable by easy insertion of new pages into the three-hole binder.

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